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ABSTRACT

Sex role stereotyping can lead to sexual harassment, even in elementary school. This activity kit is designed to help elementary school students understand the link between sex role stereotyping and sexual harassment, to educate students about the harmful effects of sex role stereotyping and sexual harassment, and to provide students with the opportunity to work together to combat these problems. The activity kit covers four major areas, with two to three activities in each area. Part 1 of the kit deals with how sex role stereotyping begins, and includes activities identifying stereotypes, examining how assumptions can lead to stereotyping, and discovering how advertising can reinforce stereotypes. Part 2 addresses the links between sex role stereotyping and sexual harassment, and includes activities exploring how stereotypes reinforce negative feelings about one's gender and connecting stereotyping and harassment. Part 3 concerns the impact of sexual harassment on students, and includes activities dealing with identifying sexual harassment, developing strategies for dealing with sexual harassment, and rewriting sexual harassment scenarios in positive ways. Part 4 examines ways to work for change in sex role stereotyping, and includes activities such as interviewing adults about their experiences being female or male, defining a vision of a harassment-free school, and developing materials for presentations about sex role stereotyping and sexual harassment. Each activity contains the desired student outcome, time and materials needed, and method used. Worksheets for photocopying are included with each activity. (KB)

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